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Kathleen Matthews, MPH, Director, Prior to this she was assistant director and planning coordinator for the Colorado School of Public Health Initiative. Her over thirty years of public health experience has been in numerous areas (HIV/AIDS, injury prevention, heart health, college health, immunizations) and settings (local and state health departments, a federal agency, and community-based non-profits). She was director of the Masters of Public Health and Masters of Healthcare Systems programs at the University of Denver, and taught courses in community and behavioral health. Other positions have included public health consultant for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Region VIII, Director of Health Education at the University of Minnesota, Director of Education for the Minnesota AIDS Project, and planner for the Hennepin County Health Department. She received her Masters of Public Health from the University Of Minnesota School Of Public Health.

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Sharon Adams REHS, an Environmental Health Planner, joined the office in early April 2011. Previously, Sharon directed the environmental health division of the local public health agency in Boone County, Indiana. With 14 years of service, she had opportunity to promote, plan, and implement a broad range of environmental health programs. Her work activities were supplemented with participation in the Indiana Environmental Health Association where she chaired the General Environmental Services Committee. Sharon serves as liaison between the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and local public health agencies to assist with environmental health assessments and planning.

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Heather Baumgartner, Assessment and Planning Manager, is responsible for continuing the collaborative development of Colorado's statewide planning and assessment system. Heather will oversee coordination of the 2014 Colorado Public Health Improvement Plan; grants to support local public health agency assessment and planning efforts; the technical assistance system of regional public health planners; and implementation and maintenance of the Colorado Health Assessment and Planning System. Nearly 15 years in public health, she has contributed in both the public and nonprofit sectors with a background in social sciences and public administration. Most recently Heather oversaw development of the Healthy Communities Unit within the Prevention Services Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

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Cambria Brown, MPH is a Public Health Planner who assists in the statewide public health assessment and improvement planning process, which occurs on a five year cycle. She also provides guidance and training to local public health agency partners in achieving their public health planning, assessment, quality improvement and accreditation related goals. Previously, Cambria worked at the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, where she focused on patient-centered health care quality measurement and research to improve the health, healthcare and wellbeing of children, youth and families. Cambria has her Master of Public Health with emphasis in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Oregon Health & Science University.

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Alison Grace Bui is a Public Health Data Coordinator in the Health Statistics Section. She attended Drexel University where she earned her Masters of Public Health, concentrating on environmental and occupational health and biostatistics. She works with local health agencies in completing their community health assessments and alongside community partners and organizations to acquire community level data. She is currently part of the leadership responsible for completing the statewide health assessment.

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Tsering K. Dorjee, a Public Health Nurse Consultant, brings experience in health based program development, implementation and evaluation. Hired in April of 2009, she has worked as a public health nurse for the Boston Public Health Commission and the Baltimore City Health Department. Tsering is board certified as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in Public Health Nursing. She will work closely with the Public Health Act by assisting counties in eastern region of Colorado to develop their local health agencies and public health plans. Tsering graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing in 2005. She completed her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Creighton University in 1998.

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Alison Wojciak Long, MPH, is a Public Health Planner. Alison is part of the team developing Colorado's statewide planning and assessment system, including coordinating the 2014 Colorado Public Health Improvement Plan. With over twenty years of experience in public health, she has worked at the national, state and local levels in both governmental and private non-profit sectors. She has previously worked at Denver Health in substance abuse prevention; Health TeamWorks overseeing a tobacco control program for health care providers; and at CDPHE overseeing the smoker's Quitline and other tobacco cessation initiatives. She holds a Master's of Public Health degree in health policy and management from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

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Kate Lujan, a Public Health Nurse Consultant with the Office of Planning and Partnerships and Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division, has worked in local and state public health for over 25 years. Kate was hired in 2002 as a disease control epidemiologist for the western slope, and accepted additional public health nurse consulting duties for the Office of Planning and Partnership in February 2011. As a public health nurse consultant, Kate will provide technical guidance and serve as a liaison to local agencies. Kate completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee in 1985 and relocated to Colorado working for Eagle County and later Garfield County. Kate earned her Masters of Public Health from the University of Northern Colorado in 2003.

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Lindsey Reese, Project Coordinator, manages all contracts and reporting with local public health agencies for the Office of Planning and Partnerships. In addition to providing technical assistance to local public health agencies, she manages the development of an online database system that will increase efficiency with the annual reporting process. She received a Master's of Public Administration in 2010 at the University of Colorado Denver and has a background in local government and nonprofit organizations.

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Shannon Rossiter, JD, MPH, Public Health Planner of the Office of Planning and Partnerships brings legal training along with experience in epidemiology, and health education. In addition to her experience at CDPHE, Shannon has worked in public health for various agencies, including the American Cancer Society, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. Shannon is looking forward to partnering with staff at CDPHE, and in the local health departments in the implementation of the 2008 Public Health Improvement Act. Shannon graduated from Emory University Rollins School of Public Health with a Master of Public Health in 1999, and from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law with a JD in 2010.

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